

News from County Councillor Dr Marie Strong Wells Division  
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Dear Councillors

I am copying below the report from Norfolk's Director of Public Health:

'Slow fall in Covid cases means no room for complacency - Covid cases are starting to fall across Norfolk – but the rate of reduction is slow and we can't ease restrictions yet.' Dr Louise Smith urges people to continue to follow the Government's guidelines – and when offered to get vaccinated.

**COVID-19 Information:**

Copied below are the usual websites which I am assured are updated regularly – this means that whatever changes come into play you can check out the latest and what is happening including where your family and friends live.

Information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>. The main site for all national information is [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). Although linked to the government site if you wish the separate NHS site: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

**Help to Access Help:** I have previously shared, particularly with parish councils, information on support which is available to members of our communities. Now I have received information to help parents and carers access such support. A free webinar is taking place for parents and carers and fortunately the information will be circulated to all schools. Information on accessing schemes such as from Early Help services, Just One Norfolk and other community support available to help families through tricky times. Further sessions are being planned for the coming weeks which will be informed by feedback from parents & carers. Parents or carers will be able to book a free place ring: 0344 800 820 or go to: [www.nccparentsinformationevent.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.nccparentsinformationevent.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Support for Families:** A short reminder that NCC has developed a package of support to help families over the winter months. For information and advice go to: [Norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://Norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus) or call 0344 800 8020.

**Power Cuts** – (We have had 4 cuts over the past 10 days) Call 105 free of charge to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105 (from a corded landline phone or mobile phone). Also for latest updates: [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk). To view live power cut map type your postcode into [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut).

**Roadworks:** Up-to-date information about roadworks in Norfolk is available on the County Council website at: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadworks)

**Avian Influenza:** Measures regarding Avian Influenza have changed several times over the past weeks so however few birds you have please check the latest update: [www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#latest-situation](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#latest-situation).

**Good works:** Whilst I have copied above various forms of official assistance yet again I would like to applaud the immense amount of valuable work being carried out by volunteers, neighbours and simply good people.

Warm wishes to you all.

## ***Marie***

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